

Claims:

1. A recording apparatus comprising a carriage provided reciprocally movably with recording means placed, a switchable cover member for covering an opening portion for taking out the recording means from the apparatus at the time the carriage is stopped at a second stopping position different from a first stopping position provided on one end of the reciprocal movement range, and a lever member provided movably to a position for fixing the recording means on the carriage or releasing the same therefrom,

wherein at the time the carriage is moved to the first position, the lever member is moved from a position for releasing the recording means from the carriage to a position for fixing the recording means on the carriage at the predetermined position.

2. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the lever member is moved by contacting the lever member with a lever guide member provided at the opening portion.

3. The recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the lever guide member has an inclined side crossing with respect to the rotation surface of the lever member for rotating the lever member to a predetermined direction according to the movement of the carriage.

4. The recording apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the lever member movement is enabled also in a state with the cover member closed.

5. The recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the position

for starting the contact of the lever guide member with the lever member is provided between the first carriage stopping position and the second carriage stopping position.

6. The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a limiting member is provided in the lever guide member at a position between the position for starting the contact of the lever member with the lever guide member and the first carriage stopping position for limiting the movement of the lever member to the position for releasing the recording means from the carriage.

7. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first carriage movement at the time the power source of the apparatus is turned on is always in the direction toward the carriage first stopping position.

8. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a reading section having the reading means for reading the original information is disposed substantially above the recording means, and the reading section serves also as the cover member.

9. The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording means comprises a recording head for recording input image information by ejecting ink droplets onto a recording medium, and an ink cartridge for supplying the ink to the recording head.

10. The recording apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the recording head is a recording head unit holding a plurality of recording heads

corresponding to a plurality of colors for recording input image information by ejecting ink droplets onto a recording medium, and the ink cartridge is a plurality of ink tanks for supplying an ink to each of the plurality of the recording heads.